

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Gilmore Survey District Inventory Number: AL-VI-B-255
Address: MD 36 approximately 0.5 mile south of Midland Historic district: X yes ☐ no ☐
City: Midland Zip Code: 21542 County: Allegany
USGS Quadrangle(s): Lonaconing
Property Owner: multiple Tax Account ID Number: _____
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____
Project: MD 36 over Elk Lick Run and Georges Creek Agency: State Highway Administration
Agency Prepared By: State Highway Administration
Preparer's Name: Melissa Hess Date Prepared: 08/04/2004
Documentation is presented in: MIHP form AL-VI-B-255
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: _____ Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes
Site visit by MHT Staf yes X no ☐ Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Gilmore Survey District is located in the Georges Creek Coal Region in the western portion of Allegany County. Set in the mountainous region of the Allegany Plateau geological province, the region has an insular character. The narrow river valley is roughly twenty four miles long and five miles wide between Big Savage Mountain and Dan's Mountain.

During the early nineteenth century, the discovery of rich deposits of coal in the Georges Creek valley spurred the development of the region's coal mining industry. The Georges Creek Basin was the most important of Maryland's five synclinal basins "because of its seemingly inexhaustible and very accessible fourteen-foot thick vein of coal" (Ware 1991: 217). The mining industry, along with brick-manufacturing plants, ironworks, and other industries, prompted the growth of a series of towns along Georges Creek, making it one of the most densely populated areas in Allegany and Garrett Counties (Ware 1991: 14).

In the 1850s, innovations in the area's transportation network further accelerated the region's growth. Numerous company towns formed, with distances between towns often measuring less than a mile. In many of these new towns, companies provided housing for their workers. This was probably the case in Gilmore, as the Midland Coal and Iron Company initially provided dwellings for its miners and later sold building lots to employees (Ware 1991: 28). Coal production in the region peaked in 1907

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MHT Comments:

Jim Jarlman ✓
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

[Signature]
Reviewer, National Register Program

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and declined substantially in the 1930s when most deep mines were closed.

Gilmore is a small mining village founded in the second half of the nineteenth century and expanded in the early twentieth century. The village is approximately one third of a mile south of the larger mining town of Midland and approximately one and one half miles north of the town of Lonaconing. Centered along MD 36, Gilmore is approximately one half mile in length and approximately one quarter mile in width.

Georges Creek forms the northwest border of Gilmore. The CSX Railroad, historically known as the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad, runs northeast to southwest through the center of the town. At the west end of the village, a small metal girder bridge carries the railroad tracks across the creek. Several roads stem off of MD 36, including Miners Avenue, Buskirk Hollow Road, Ellick Road, Warnick Road, and Quinn Street. The terrain of the oldest section of town is flat, while newer housing has been built on the surrounding hillsides.

Gilmore's primary structure type is residential. There are a few modern businesses, but no historic commercial or industrial buildings remain in their original use. Located in the center of town, the large Midland Coal and Iron Company Building (AL-VI-B-167 – see individual DOE form) has been converted to multi-family housing.

Most of the village's historic structures are vernacular duplex and single family dwellings. A dwelling type common in the region and in Gilmore is known as a "block" house, a two-story frame duplex structure that provided three or four rooms and sometimes a shed roof kitchen for its occupants. Many of these duplexes have been converted to single family homes. The town's one-and-one-half, two, and two-and-one-half story buildings range between three to five bays in width. Most are side gable rectangular forms, though a few structures have gable end front facades. Most historic dwellings are of frame construction, set on stone foundations, and are covered with a variety of both historic and modern materials including weatherboard, asbestos shingles, and vinyl siding. Roofs are clad primarily with asphalt shingles. The houses set on small lots in close proximity to each other.

In 1982, Gilmore was surveyed as a part of the Maryland Historical Trust's Coal Region Historic Sites Survey. Of the 55 buildings documented, at least 12 are no longer extant. The 1982 survey identified four properties within the survey district that were assigned individual Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) numbers. Of these four buildings, only the Midland Coal and Iron Company Building (AL-VI-B-167) remains. The Michael's House (AL-VI-B-079), the Upholt Frame House (AL-VI-B-254), and the Clark House (AL-VI-B-077) are no longer extant. Originally located to the south of MD 36, the Upholt Frame House and the Clark House were demolished and replaced by a cement block carwash and a landscaping business. Originally located to the north of MD 36 and adjacent to the railroad, the Michaels House was demolished sometime in the 1990s. Informal interviews with local residents revealed that this house and many others located along Miners Avenue were torn down as a result of a 1996 flood. The Michaels House was part of a grouping of some of the village's oldest dwellings, located on "Tannery Row," all of which have been demolished. It is likely that Tannery Row is near the site of a tannery that operated in Gilmore until the 1920s when it was dismantled.

Gilmore retains its historic location and an intact historic transportation network. The village's original design, shaped by transportation and topography, remains evident. Many houses were oriented to the railroad. Unfortunately, much of Gilmore's original worker housing, including several "block" duplexes, has been torn down due to the flooding of Georges Creek. As a result, Gilmore lacks cohesion as a historic mining village. Gilmore's setting maintains integrity, as the region has not experienced substantial development in the last fifty years. However, there are several modern intrusions near the village's center, including small businesses, such as a carwash and gas station, and late twentieth-century housing. While several dwellings retain visible historic materials, most have undergone alterations, such as replacement siding, altered fenestration patterns and materials,

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Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

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Date

the enclosing of porches, and the construction of additions. The workmanship of most of the village's structures is characterized by simple construction methods and limited architectural detail. While Gilmore is associated with the coal industry, it is one of many small mining villages located along MD 36 and lacks distinguishing qualities. The loss of numerous nineteenth and early twentieth-century structures has impacted the feeling of a historic mining village.

The Gilmore Survey District is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. It is not known to be associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A). It is not significant for associations with the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). The Gilmore Survey District does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction (Criterion C). The Gilmore Survey District is not being evaluated under Criterion D.

References

Dorsey, David. Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form, Gilmore Survey District AL-VI-B-255. The Maryland Historical Trust, 1982.

Ware, Donna M. Green Glades & Sooty Gob Piles: The Maryland Coal Region's Industrial and Architectural Past. Crownsville, MD: The Maryland Historical Trust, 1991.

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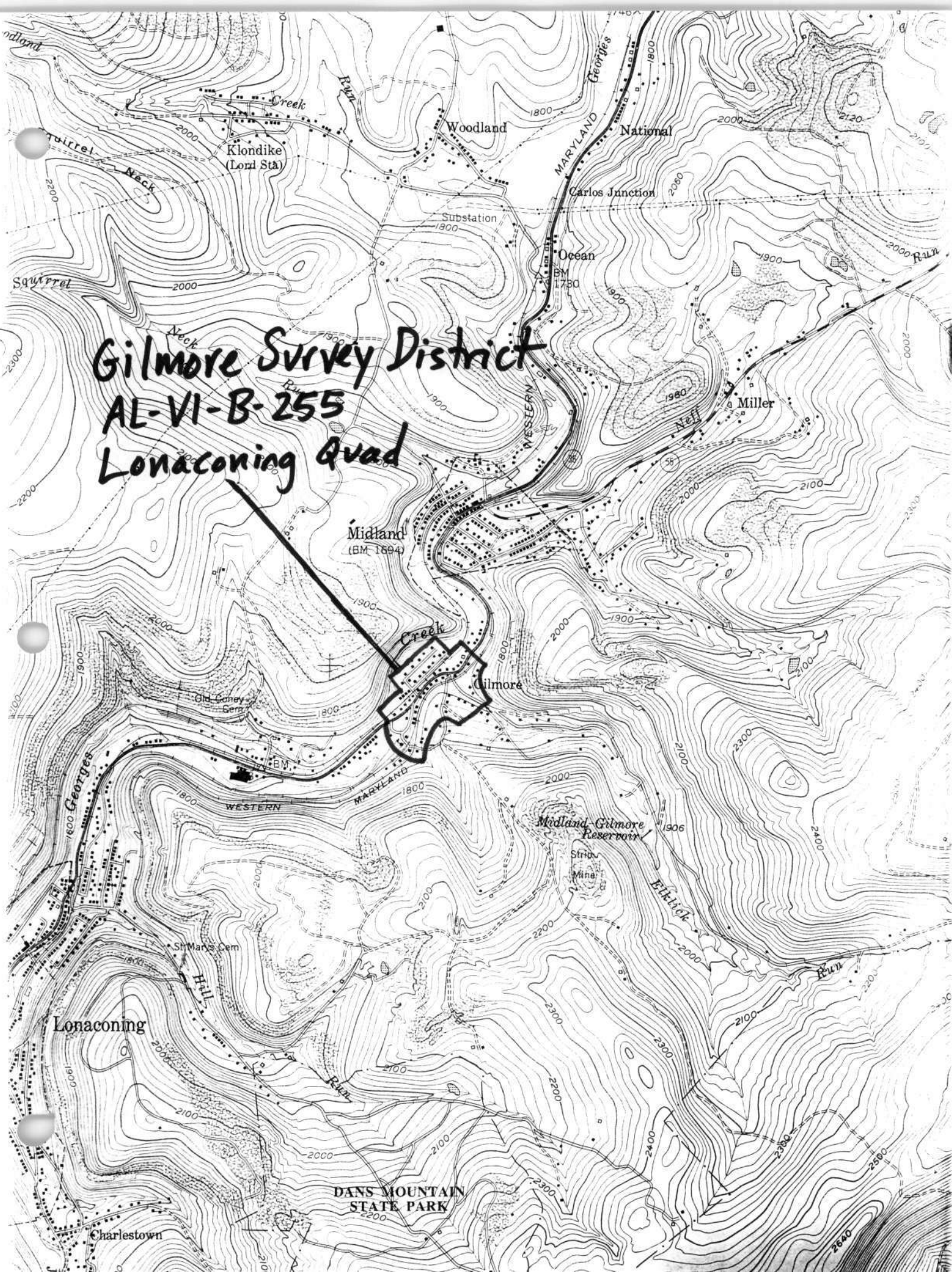
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Gilmore Survey District
AL-VI-B-255
Lonaconing Quad





AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Survey District

Allegheny

L. Buxton

July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 9>023
450 1717 -1 N N-3-34 (044)0

MD SHPO

Bridge No. 1011, Looking South on MD 36



AL-VTB-255

Gilmore Survey District

15301 Lower Georges Creek Rd

Allegany

L. Buxton

July 2005

ART-2611 <No. 10 >024

450 1717 -1 N N-2-28 <044>0

MD SHPO

Looking West



AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Survey District

Allegany

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July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 6 >828
458 1717 -1 N N N-37 (844)8

MD SHPO

Bridge No 1012, Looking Northwest



AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Survey District

Allegany

Liz Buxton

July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 5>019
450 1717 -1 N N-4 13 (044)0

MD SHPO

Bridge No 1012, Look North on MD 36



AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Survey District

15223 Lower Georges Creek Rd

Allegany

Li Buxton

July 2002

ART-2611 <No. 7>021
450 1717 -1 N N-4 18 (044)0

NT SHPO

Looking West



AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Survey District

15227 Lower Georges Creek Rd

Allegany

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July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 8 >022
450 1717 -1 N N-4 27 (044)0

MD SHPO

Looking West



AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Survey District

15303 Lower Georges Creek Rd

Allegheny

L. Buxton

July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 11 >025
450 1717 -1 N N-2 18 (044)0

MD SFIPO

Looking West



AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Survey District

15303 Lower Georges Creek Rd

Allegheny

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July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 13 >027
450 1717 -1 N N N-79 <044>0

MD SH PO

Looking West



AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Survey District

15307 Lower Georges Creek Rd

Allegany

L. Buxton

July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 14 >028
450 1717 -1 N N N-25 <044>0

MD SHPO

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Gilmore Survey District

15301 Lower Georges Creek Rd

Allegany

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July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 12 >026

450 1717 -1 N N-2-02 <044>0

MD SHPO

Looking West



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Gilmore Survey District

15316 Lower Georges Creek Rd

Allegheny

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July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 30 >044
450 1717 -1 N N-3-35 (044)0

MD SHPO

Looking East



AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Survey District

15320 Lower Georges Creek Rd

Allegany

L. Buxton

July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 31 >045
450 1717 -1 N N-3-11 <044>0

MD SHPO

Looking Southeast



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Gilmore Survey District

15312 Lower Georges Creek - Garage

Allegany

L. Buxton

July 2003

MD SHPO

Looking South

ART-2611 <###> 001
451 1212 -1 N N+1-26 (044)0



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Gilmore Survey District

15312 Lower Georges Creek Rd

Allegany

L. Buxton

July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 15 >029

458 1717 -1 N H-2-97, (044)0

MD STPO

Looking east



AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Survey District

15316 Lower Georges Creek Rd

Allegheny

L. Buxton

July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 16 >030
450 1717 -1 N N+1-37 (044)0

MD SHPO

Looking East



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Gilmore Survey District

15320 Lower Georges Creek Rd

Allegany

L. Buxton

July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 17 >831

458 1717 -1 N 1142-25 <044>0

MD SHPO

Looking east



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Gilmore Survey District

View of MD 36 looking North

Albany

L. Buxton

July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 18 >032

450 1717 -1 N N N-25 (044)0

MD SHPO

Looking North towards Elk Lick



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Gilmore Survey District

MD 36 at Elk Lick

Allegany

L. Buxton

July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 34 >048
450 1717 -1 N N-2-24 <044>0

MD SHPC

View towards Bridge 1011, looking North



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Gilmore Survey District

15320 Lower Georges Creek Rd

Allegany

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July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 19>033
450 1717 -1 N N N-23 (044)@

MD STIP0

Looking Southeast



AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Survey District

15320 Lower Georges Creek Rd

Allegany

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July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 24 >038

450 1717 -1 N N-1-59 (044)0

MD SHPO

Looking Northeast



AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Survey District

15400 Lower Georges Creek Rd

Allegany

L Buxton

July 2003

ART-2611 <No.26>040

450 1717 -1 N N+2-79 <044>0

MD STPO

Looking East



AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Survey District

Lower Georges Creek Rd

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July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 25 >039

450 1717 -1 N N N-35 <044>0

MD SHPO

Looking East



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AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Survey District

15400 Lower Georges Creek Rd

Allegany

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July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 22 >036
450 1717 -1 N N-1-32 <044>0

MD SHPO

Looking east



AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Survey District

15400 Lavier Georges Creek Rd

Allegheny

L. Buxton

July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 21 >035

450 1717 -1 N N N-24 <044>0

MD SHPO

Looking east



AL-VI-B-ZS5

Gilmore Survey District

Lower Georges Creek Rd

Allegheny

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July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 29 >043

450 1717 -1 N N-3 NN <044>0

MD ST1PO

Looking West



AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Survey District

15415 Lower Georges Creek Rd

Allegheny

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ART-2611 <No. 28 >042
450 1717 -1 N N-4-06 (044)0

July 2003

MD SHPO

Looking West



AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Survey District

15303 Lower Georges Creek Rd

Allegany

L. Buxton

July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 32 >046

450 1717 -1 N N-2-74 <044>0

MD SHPO

Locking West



AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Survey District

Allegany

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July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 33 >047
450 1717 -1 N N N-76 <044>0

MD SHPO

Looking North along MD 36



AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Survey District

15306 Lower Georges Creek Rd

Allegany

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July 2003

ART-2611 <No. 35 >B49
450 1717 -1 N N-2-61 <B44>@

MD SHPO

Looking Southeast



AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Survey District

15306 Lower Georges Creek Rd

Allegany

L. Buxton

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ART-2611 <No. 36 >050

450 1717 -1 N N-3-14 <044>0

MD SHPO

Looking Southwest



AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Survey District

Allegheny County

Becky KermeS

June 2004

MD STIPO

CSX Railroad over Georges Creek

Looking Southwest

Technical
NO. 12
9592 000 N N N 1-50 AS 01 S 4185 GRN
> 819 EN
79.1/100.0



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Gilmore Survey District

Allegheny County

Becky Kermes

June 2004

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Tech Lab. <NO. 13 >609 EN
95921000 N N N N+1-26 AS+01 S+105 GRCO. 7/29-1/199.0

CSX Railroad on back of
Looking northeast





AL-VI-B-255

Gilmore Summit

Allegheny County

Becky Kerms

June 2004

MD SHPO

15301 Lower Georges Creek Road
Locking Northwest

TechLab, <NO> #11 >037 EN
9589 028 H H N+1-10 AC-01 AC-02 AS401 SH101 6608



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GILMORE SURVEY DISTRICT

Allegheny County

Melissa Hess

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ART-2611 <No. 9>009
568 7817 N N N-3-33 <042>@

15401 Indian Hill Lane

Looking East



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GILMORE SURVEY DISTRICT

Allegheny County

Melissa Hess

July 2004

MD SHPO

ART-2611 <No. 10 >010
568 7817 N N N-1-15 (042)0

15403 Indian Hill Lane

Looking East



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GILMORE SURVEY DISTRICT

Allegheny County

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ART-2611 <No. 5>005
568 7817 N N N-1-18 <042>@

Miners Avenue - site of homes
demolished following
1996 Flood



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ALLEGANY COUNTY

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ART-2611 <No. 6 >006
568 7817 N N N+1-28 (042)@

15315 Miners Avenue

Looking West



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Allegheny County
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ART-2611 <No. 3>003
568 7817 N N N-2 NN <042>@

Miners Avenue (Map 47, Parcel 175)
Looking North



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Allegheny County
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ART-2611 <No. 4>004
568 7817 N N N-3 13 (042)@

15325 Morris Avenue
Looking West



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BILMORE SURVEY DISTRICT

Allegany County

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ART-2611 <No. 1>001
568 7817 N N N-3 14 <042>@

Site of "Tannery Row"

Dwellings torn down following 1996 Flood

Former site of the

Michaels House (AL-VI-B-079)



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ART-2611 <No. 2>002
568 7817 N N N+2-06 (042)0

CSX Railroad Tracks (formerly
Cumberland & Pennsylvania Railroad)
at Miners Avenue

Looking Southwest
Tanner's Run was on the north side of tracks



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ART-2611 <No. 8>008
568 7817 N N N-3-13 (042)0

Former site of the
Upholt Frame House (AL-VI-B-254)
Bushkirk Hollow Road looking southwest



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Allegany County
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ART-2611 <No. 7>007
568 7817 N N N-3-04 <042>@

Former site of the
Clark House (AL-VI-B-071)

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Gilmore Survey District
Gilmore
Private

1856

Gilmore Survey District is located approximately one half of a mile south of Midland in the center of the Georges Creek coal region western Maryland. The architecture of Gilmore is characterized by vernacular-styled, duplex and single family frame dwellings. The typical vernacular house in Gilmore is 2 stories tall, rests on a stone foundation and has a gabled roof.

Gilmore is a small mining village in the center of the Georges Creek coal region of western Maryland. The village located adjacent to the larger town of Midland, was probably built early in the second half of the 19th century.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Gilmore Survey District

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Maryland Route 36, approximately 1/2 mile south of Midland

CITY, TOWN

Gilmore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegheny County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Multiple ownership

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegheny County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MHT Inventory, AL-VI-B-077,079, and 167

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Gilmore Survey District is located approximately one-half of a mile south of Midland in the center of the Georges Creek coal region of western Maryland. Maryland Route 36 and the C&P Railroad run NE to SW through the center of the town. The terrain of the survey district is flat.

The architecture of Gilmore is characterized by vernacular-styled duplex and single family, frame dwellings. The typical vernacular house in Gilmore is 2 stories tall, rests on a stone foundation and has a gabled roof. It is either rectangular or is based on the ell plan. Several of the buildings have shed-roofed additions added to their rear elevations giving them the saltbox shape common to the mining region. Examples are #5 and #35 on the attached map.

The large Midland Coal and Iron Company building (AL-VI-B-167) in the center of the town is a 2½ story, 6 bay by 4 bay frame structure. It rests on a stone foundation and has a gabled roof. Two entrances on the basement level are each flanked by fixed fair light windows. Paired round-headed windows at the attic level indicate an Italianate influence on the design of the building.

The Michaels House (AL-VI-B-079) is an example of the Gothic Revival architecture popular at the mid-19th century. The 2½ story, 3 bay by 2 bay frame building exhibits decorative elements common to the style. These include the intricate gingerbread ornamentation and bracketing of the eaves and the transom and sidelights surrounding the entrance.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1856

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Gilmore is a small mining village in the center of the Georges Creek coal region of western Maryland. The village located adjacent to the larger town of Midland, was probably built early in the second half of the 19th century.

New mines were being opened in the area south of Frostburg following the completion in 1857 of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad between Frostburg and Lonaconing¹. As was characteristic of the mining region, as new mines opened, villages soon appeared near them². It is possible that Gilmore was a company town owned by the Midland Coal and Iron Company, whose offices, store, and dumphouse were located there³. In 1856 the company was building double houses for miners at a cost of \$400.00 each⁴. In 1864 the assets of the Midland Coal and Iron Company were acquired by the Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Company which operated a mine near Midland during the 1870's.⁵

Footnotes

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Thomas and Williams, History of Allegany County, Vol. I, Baltimore: Regional Publishing Company, 1969, pp. 538-539.

²Katherine Harvey, The Best-Dressed Miners, Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910, Ithica: Cornell Univ. Press, 1969, p.90.

³Allegany Equity Case #1416, Exhibit #1 (See AL-VI-B-167)

⁴Katernie Harvey, p. 83.

⁵Allegany County Land Records, Liber 21, Folio 511 (See AL-VI-B-167).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Footnotes (Significance #8)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

May 1982

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle, Shaw House

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

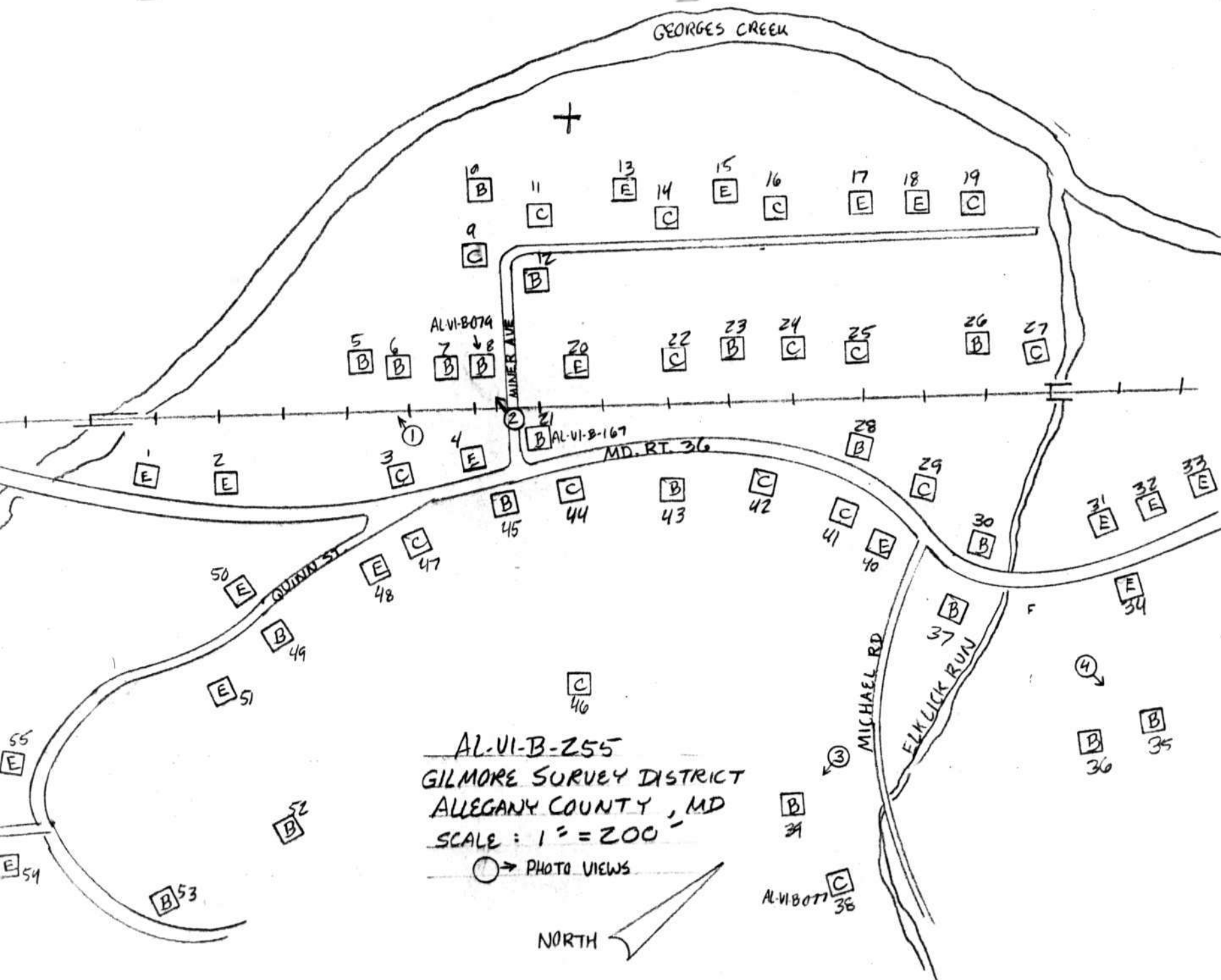
STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Maryland Route 36, approximately
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photo #1, looking southwest



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